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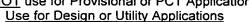
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RULE 53(f) NO DECLARATION Hon. Commissioner of Patents Atty. Dkt. P 0283720 Washington, DC 20231 M# Client Ref Date: October 1, 2001 Sir: 1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (Design Utility) entitled: Microbiological Production Method for α-L-Aspartyl-L-Phenylalanine 2. (Complete) Title: without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following 3. Abstract 1 48 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. Specification in non-English language 25 Numbered claim(s); and **□**A4 7. Drawings: sheet(s) 1 set informal; 8. I formal of size: DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s): Application No. Filing Date **Filing Date** Application No. PCT/NL00/00206 28 March 2000 60/133,402 10 May 1999 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Europe Application No. **Filing Date** Application No. Filing Date 99203518 29 March 1999 (2)99200954 26 October 1999 (1)(3)(4)See 3rd page for additional priorities (5)(No.) Certified copy (copies): attached: previously filed (date) in U.S. Application No. filed on 12. This is a reissue of Patent No. See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and 13. do not complete item 14 or 15.) This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated 14. into this application by this reference: filed No. filed filed which No. PCT/ filed published under PCT Acticle 21(2) in designated the U.S. and that International Application was was not English 15. See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications previously filed concurrently filed not needed Extension to date: 16. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required) 17. (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not □ Attached: 17(a) essential to make claim)

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